Here are 10 interesting facts about immigration in Manitoba that may be helpful to know:

1. **In 2014, Manitoba was 5th top destination for new permanent residents after Ontario, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia**

   A total of 16,222 permanent residents chose Manitoba as their immigration destination, an increase of 23.8% from 2013. This represents 6.2% of Canada’s total immigration. Of these immigrants, a big bulk came under economic class followed by family class.

2. **Manitoba welcomed the highest number of refugees per capita in Canada in 2014**

   Six per cent of Canada’s government-assisted refugees (435) and 22% of privately sponsored refugees (1,004) settled here last year. Most of them came from Somalia, Iraq, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, and Ethiopia.

3. **MB received the second highest number of Provincial Nominees and Family Class immigrants on record**

   A total of 12,187 provincial nominees and 1,831 permanent residents under the family class settled in the province.

4. **Winnipeg is still the top destination but 14.8% of newcomers to MB in 2014 chose to live outside of Winnipeg**

   More than 85% of immigrants destined for Manitoba settled in Winnipeg. Meanwhile, those who
chose to live outside of Winnipeg settled in Brandon, Neepawa, and Winkler.

5. **Top source countries are the Philippines, India and China**
   Manitoba's newest immigrants came from over 150 countries with around 60% coming from these top countries (and the US).

6. **Immigrant median age is 28 years old; Male and female numbers are almost equal**
   Newcomers’ median age was at 28 years while the median age of Manitobans was 38.

7. **Most common mother tongues are Tagalog and Punjabi**
   Tagalog and Punjabi represented 42.4 per cent of the total. Other languages in the top five are English, Russian, and Chinese.

8. **Number of immigrants with a bachelor’s degree, MA, and PhD growing**
   In 2014, 42.4% of immigrants had bachelor’s degrees while 12.6% had master’s degrees.

9. **Top occupations: registered nurses, secondary school teachers, industrial butchers, and cooks**
   A big bulk of immigrants to Manitoba had work experience representing about 400 occupations. In terms of skill type and based on the National Occupation Classification, 70.6% of principal applicants had previous occupations in sales and service; business, finance and administration; management; health; and natural and applied sciences. Also, 74% of Manitoba's economic immigrants are considered highly skilled.

10. **Manitoba received more than 5,000 temporary workers**
   In 2014, Manitoba received 4,898 temporary workers through the federal International Mobility Program and 1,102 through the Temporary Foreign Worker Program.


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Community Resources


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